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THE RED CROSS



IN CHARGE OF

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Chairman of National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service

IN addition to the local committees already announced in the pages of the JOURNAL, we are pleased to report the formation of the following: Michigan, Detroit, Mrs. Effie Moore, secretary, 33 High Street, East; Battle Creek, secretary not yet appointed; Ann Arbor, Miss Antoinette Light, 344 South Division Street; Missouri, Kansas City, Mrs. D. Whitmer, chairman, 916 East Eighth Street; New York, Utica, Miss Anna O'Neil, chairman, General Hospital; Pennsylvania, Pittsburg, Mrs. A. L. Ford, chairman, Children's Hospital; Scranton, Miss Maude Robertson, chairman, State Hospital; Virginia, Norfolk, Miss Julia A. Mellichampe, chairman, 39 West Redgate Avenue. This makes in all 56 local committees, with over 1600 Red Cross nurses now enrolled, between 300 and 400 having been appointed since April 1, 1911.

Many calls have been received from state societies, alumnae associations, and training schools for some one to address nurses on Red Cross work. It has been impossible to respond to all of these requests, but it is most gratifying to note that in various sections of the country some of our representative women have kindly consented to present the subject of the Red Cross to assemblages of nurses in their own localities. It has been impossible to secure full reports of these lectures, but we have heard from time to time of Miss Mary E. Gladwin, chairman of the Ohio State Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service, telling the Sunday-school children of St. Paul's Church at Akron, Ohio, something of the purposes and achievements of the Red Cross, and speaking to nurses in Cleveland and Toledo. Miss Mary C. Wheeler of Chicago, Illinois, a member of the Illinois State Committee, spoke several times to nurses on a recent trip through the state. Mrs. Charles G. Stevenson of Brooklyn, secretary of the New York State Committee, addressed the New Jersey State Association on April 4 at Long Branch, and on Tuesday, April 25, she addressed the graduating class of the Presbyterian Hospital School for Nurses in New York. Miss Johnson, chairman of the Indiana Red Cross Committee, recently addressed the members of the Indiana State Nurses' Association at South Bend. Mrs. Tice has spoken several times during

the winter and spring, both in Illinois and Wisconsin, and Miss Blanchard was announced to deliver an address at Peoria at the meeting of the Illinois State Nurses' Association.

A full report of Miss McIsaac's tour of the country will be given at the meeting of the Associated Alumnae, and printed in the report of the proceedings.

We are hearing constantly of the interest awakened by these inspiring talks on the Red Cross work, and it is impossible to estimate the far-reaching results of these presentations of the subject in which we are all so deeply concerned.

The chairman of the National Committee has recently attended meetings of the state and local Red Cross committees in Philadelphia, and has spoken on the Red Cross in Philadelphia, New York, and Troy, finding in all of these places a most gratifying interest in the progress of the Red Cross work.

Two calls for nurses from the Mexican border have been received: one from lower California, the other from Douglas, Arizona. While later telegrams announced a change of conditions which rendered it unnecessary to send nurses, still these calls gave us an opportunity to test our system. In the first instance, the local committee of San Diego was called upon to secure nurses, and the next time the call was referred to the Los Angeles and Pasadena local committee. In both cases these committees responded promptly, expressing their readiness to undertake the selection and sending out of nurses. Money for the travelling expenses of nurses was telegraphed from Washington to Miss Wrigley, chairman of the Los Angeles and Pasadena Local Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service. During the uncertainties in regard to the Mexican situation it has given us a sense of great security to know that, scattered over the whole country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, were state and local committees ready to respond at a moment's notice to any call for service sent out by the Red Cross.

The National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service has planned for a reception to all enrolled Red Cross nurses at the time of the meeting of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae, this reception to be held on Friday evening, June 2, 1911, from eight to ten p.m., at the Hotel Brunswick, Boylston Street, Boston, and it is hoped that many Red Cross nurses may be among the delegates sent to these meetings.

The International Conference of the Red Cross will be held in Washington, D. C., in May, 1912, and one session will be devoted entirely to the nursing service of various countries represented. Fuller details will be given later, but we are anxious to bring before the nurses in America

the following announcement concerning the Marie Feodorovna prizes which will be awarded at that time:

The Marie Feodorovna prizes represent the interest on a fund of 100,000 rubles which the Dowager Empress of Russia established some ten years ago for the purpose of diminishing the sufferings of sick and wounded in war. Prizes are awarded at intervals of five years, and this is the second occasion of this character. These prizes in 1912 will be as follows: one of 6000 rubles, two of 3000 rubles each, six of 1000 rubles each. The subjects decided upon for the competition are:

1. Organization of evacuation methods for wounded on the battle-field, involving as much economy as possible in bearers.
2. Surgeon's portable lavatories for war.
3. Methods of applying dressings at aid stations and in ambulances.
4. Wheeled stretchers.
5. Support for a stretcher on the back of a mule.
6. Easily portable folding stretcher.
7. Transport of wounded between men-of-war and hospital vessels and the coast.
8. The best method of heating railroad cars by a system independent of steam from the locomotive.
9. The best model of a portable Roentgen-ray apparatus, permitting utilization of X-rays on the battle-field and at the first aid stations.

It rests with the jury of award how the prizes will be allotted in respect to the various subjects. That is to say, the largest prize will be awarded for the best solution of any question, irrespective of what the question may be.

Further information may be obtained by addressing the Chairman, Exhibit Committee, American Red Cross, Washington, D. C.

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